

There is a large manufacturing establishment in Chicago which employs a dentist to examine the teeth of all employees for work. A tooth has a cavity it must be filled or, if it is too gone, it must be pulled. The dental work, in most cases, done at the expense of the factory, and has proved to be wise economy. Little time is lost on account of the dentist, and the employees are examined at regular intervals, whether they are giving their owners any trouble or not.

Following the example of the Supreme Court, the judges of the common pleas of Philadelphia have practically decided to wear gowns while sitting on the bench. For a number of years the advisability of adopting the ancient costume of English judges has been discussed by the common pleas judges there, but they were slow to break away from the established custom, and no action was ever agreed upon. The adoption of gowns by the Supreme Court, however, has satisfied the common pleas judges of the desirability of wearing judicial garb.

Tunnelling through the Simpson will begin early next year. There will be two parallel tunnels, each 80,000 feet, or about twelve and a half miles long, fifty-seven feet apart, and connected at intervals of 250 feet. They will be 15,000 feet longer than the Mont Cenis tunnel, but will be 1,500 feet lower than the two others, which will diminish the working expense. It is expected that the work will be completed in five years and a half, three years less time than was required for the St. Gothard. The estimated cost is \$11,000,000.

A commander in the United States navy says that the heaviest drain on the resources of the officers comes from social obligations, especially in foreign ports. They are invited to dine with a King, a Prince, a Governor, and as a representative of the nation they have to go. Then in return they must invite the potentate to dinner with them. They must decorate the ship brilliantly and provide a sumptuous "spread" not only for the King, but for as many Ministers and dignitaries as chooses to bring with him, and every time this is done each officer must go down into his pocket for \$25 or more.

Mr. Chauncey Dwyer, who has lately arrived in London from his post in the United States, a great railway magnate, and in this connection, as in others, there are many good stories told about him. One which shows his thoughtfulness for others may be given. A young married couple, who were attending the claims to the privilege of a railway "dead-end," wrote to him for a railway pass for his mother-in-law, who was coming to visit him. He asked for a return to be sent to him. Mr. Dwyer, granting the request, said, "I have not neglected the return coupon, and have limited it to three days."

Prompted by the feeling that it was his duty, the Bishop remonstrated with one of his clergy for attending a local hunt. "Well, your grace," replied the offender, "I really do not see why any more harm in hunting than in going to a ball." "I presume," answered his lordship, "that you refer to having seen my name down among those who attended Lady Stander's ball, but I assure you throughout the whole evening I was never once in the same room as the dancers." "That, my lord, is exactly how I stand," answered the hunter, "in the field as the hounds." Then the Bishop at once and silence reigned.

A correspondent writes to the *Spectator*:—"As an old Harrovian and an eye-witness of the scene, I should like to correct the version of an old story which the *Spectator* has published of September 14th. It was Dr. Longley, coming after dark upon a boy out of bounds, gave chase and caught him by the coat-tail, which gave way in his hand, and the boy ran away. I was in the same house with him and when he told us the story that night, one of us, Jack Norton, I think it was, undertook to put the Doctor off the scent by taking up one of his own coat-tails. The Doctor, however, regarding us as not to be trusted, accordingly, when we did not show our backs, Longley spied the solitary tail hanging down, called back the culprit, and as we left the room we heard him say, 'I think, Sir, I have something here which belongs to you.' To me, Sir, I know nothing about it." "What, Sir?" says Norton, frowning, "what are you drawing out the missing coat-tail triumphantly, and the real culprit got off scot-free, and the Doctor was considerably disconcerted."

"Nine tailors make a man."—This expression brings us to the consideration for the universal custom of the wearing of a coat-tail, which is regarded as almost sacred in most minds as being one of the ceremonies attached to the Christian faith. Its origin, however, is a very superstitious one, and the wearing of it has been formerly regarded as a talisman in their efficacy to drive away evil spirits. "Tailors in the above phrase is a corruption of the word 'tollers,' or strokes tolled at the end of a knell. Telling on the death of a king, a knell is tolled, the knell being originally blown, as previously observed, to keep off hostile spirits from the departing soul. In some places the departure of an adult was announced by nine strokes in succession, and the tolling of a woman; three for a child. Hence, it can be said by those listening for an announcement, 'nine tollers make a man.' As this custom became less general, and the tolling less generally understood, there is a belief in the tolling of the word 'tollers' to the more familiar 'tailors.' At the present day at Westmon it is still the custom to toll nine times for a man."

The Agricultural Returns for Great Britain during 1894 show a very marked decline in production in the various crops. For example, the area of cultivation is increasing, not decreasing. In 1893, probably the record year for English agriculture, the total cultivated area of Great Britain was 30,839,000 acres. It is now 32,630,000. No doubt there has been a great deal from arable into permanent pasture, but permanent pasture is not land out of cultivation. Arable land, however, is still nearly half of the cultivated surface of the island. Twenty years ago it was 58 per cent. This decline of something over 8 per cent. of the area of land under the plough is almost entirely confined to England and Wales. Considering that cereals have a name in England as a body paying very, it is curious to note that last year the cereal area increased, while that under potatoes—which are supposed to be specially increased—decreased by over 20,000 acres. A fact of interest which is incidentally brought out by these statistics, is the decline of the import of Indian wheat. In 1891 India sent us 651,000 tons of wheat; last year only 187,000 tons. Curiously enough, 35 per cent. of the wheat imported in 1894 was in dairy produce that the imports are rising fastest. Yet it is admitted on all hands that our natural advantages for dairy farms are not surpassed on the globe.

If a cat may look at a king (for which possibility there is high probability), a bishop may certainly play billiards with one, presuming, of course, he sees in this enjoyable recreation no lurking shadow of ultimate peril to the soul when they play with King. And even had anything, "that last intimacy of noble minds," spurred on the Papal Nuncio to defeat the King, he should almost be inclined to hold it truth that Cicerone's Nuncio would have been simply justified in manipulating the score. The game, which we should like to see played by Mr. Orsini for next year's Academy—is as Spanish as it could be made, and perhaps King Alfonso's subjects are more in than made to see the little King who the longest billiard players in the world at billiards, and beats them—all they not see in him the promise of a ruler somewhat like him who now and again takes care to remind the Spaniards that he is very much more in his own house than they are.

THE WEATHER

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER, 17th NOVEMBER, 1895.

STATION.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Wind.	Clouds.	State of sky.
Whitby	30.14	43	40	NR	b
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On the 16th at 11.10 a.m. Current—Barometer steady.

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